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SUBJECT: ESCAP: FUNDING FOR UN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
TEAM (UNDAT)

1. USG CONSIDERING PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY \$40,000
ASSISTANCE TO FINANCE PORTION OF ACTIVITIES OF UNDAT
BASED IN SOUTH PACIFIC DURING 1977. TEAM HAS BEEN FUNDED
BY UNDP SINCE 1972. UNDP UNABLE TO BUDGET FUNDS FOR TEAM
IN 1977 BUT IF OTHER SOURCES CAN BE FOUND FOR ONE YEAR,
UNDP FUNDING MAY BE RESUMED IN 1978. UNDP FUNDING IN 1978
WOULD BE CONDITION OF USG FUNDING IN 1977.

2. AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TO US (BY AUSTRALIANS) FUNDING
PLAN FOR 1977 CALLS FOR ESCAP TO TAKE OVER DIRECTION OF
UNDAT AND TO FUND ONE OF FOUR POSITIONS. ADDITIONAL RE-
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QUIREMENT OF \$180,000 WOULD BE MET BY OTHER DONORS. DUTCH

AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE INDICATED SERIOUS INTEREST. FIJIAN EMBASSY HAS SINCE REPORTED THAT IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS AGREED TO FUND TWO-MAN SKELETON STAFF UNTIL MID 1977 WITH NO MENTION OF ESCAP.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE REGARDING ESCAP PLANS FOR UNDAT IN 1977. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN IMPACT POSSIBLE DELAY IN U.S. DECISION UNTIL MARCH MIGHT HAVE ON MAINTENANCE OF EFFECTIVE TEAM OPERATION

THROUGH 1977. ANY INSIGHTS INTO VALUE OF UNDAT OPERATIONS TO DATE WOULD BE VERY USEFUL.

4. FOR USUN: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION MISSION CAN PROVIDE ON CURRENT STATUS OF FUNDING PLANS FOR TEAM IN 1977.

5. IN DISCUSSING PROJECT YOU SHOULD IN NO WAY IMPLY ANY U.S. COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN 1977 FUNDING. KISSINGER

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